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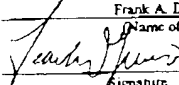
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment And Response To Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 17) of November 18, 2002, which set forth a shortened statutory period for reply ending on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 (the Patent and Trademark Office was closed on that date).

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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